

AFIRE TIP #16

THE WORKS OF MERCY

AFIRE groups are called to discern the needs in their communities and to implement action! The actions and teachings of Jesus are our guide, especially Matthew 25. These actions are often referred to as “Works of Mercy,” and they include works that tend to both physical and spiritual needs.

Over the next year, AFIRE TIPS will include some ways that your group might respond to meeting these needs (both body and spirit) in the addiction/overdose epidemic. Each month you will receive an idea (or ideas) that we hope will help you in your ministry. Be creative! And please share your ideas with us too!

“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.”

Matthew 25:45

SHELTER THE HOMELESS



Your AFIRE group might consider “adopting” a group home by contributing to the quality of daily living there. There are many ways you can contribute to the quality of life. Here are a few examples:

- Plan educational and/or spiritual seminar /retreat days/evenings and invite the people in your “adopted” home. Many topics will be appreciated, such as:
 - Basic life skills, budgeting, stress management, etc.
 - Spiritual growth. For example, meditation, prayer, contemplation coaching and opportunities to practice and pray. Invite them to your prayer group!
 - Remain in contact with the home’s manager so that your group will be informed of any new needs that might arise.
- “Shelter” also means to provide spiritual refuge. Consider ways that your church can be a place of refuge for those in recovery. Although it may seem obvious to you; it may not be to others!
- Invite your “adoptees” to your parish/congregation’s events. They will appreciate your caring!